

Meeting Agenda
*Bureau of Land Management
Lewistown Field Office
920 NE Main St., Lewistown
Thursday February 21st, 2008
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

1. Introduction (Bruce)

Introductions around the room. 14 participants present. BLM folks present include Bruce Reid, forester; Jennifer Walker, fire ecologist; Zane Fulbright, archeologist; and Karly Krausz-fire education and mitigation.

a. Status of collaborative effort

This is our 8th meeting, including the weed evening last summer at Camp Maiden. The meetings and fieldtrips have been very helpful for us in fine-tuning silvicultural prescriptions and for designing treatment layout.

b. Recap of previous meetings

We've had a combination of field trips and indoor meetings beginning last January, 2007. We have usually had some kind of presentation at the indoor meetings; and on the fieldtrips we have looked at project areas with leave trees painted or flagged. We have discussed the silvicultural prescriptions; and how the desired future stand is often not achievable with one treatment or entry. For example, in many areas that should have a high percentage of ponderosa pine, there is very little, so we need to regenerate the stand through establishment of healthy seedlings.

c. Status of project area

Please see the map of Maiden Stewardship. The hand thinning areas are pink-hatch and the equipment operation areas are orange-hatch. We have three silvicultural prescriptions for the project area – may need to refine the prescriptions, but they are generally: Moderate Douglas-fir habitat types; Moderate/Dry Douglas-fir; and Cool-Moist Douglas-fir. Please refer to the JMLA Environmental Assessment for details (link on website).

d. Update on Park Place

Park Place Timber Sale, 28 acres, has been awarded to a local contractor, Greg Maxwell. We're pleased to have a local contractor because one of our objectives is to try to stimulate the local economy. He hopes to begin work this spring before fuel prices go up, and is happy to meet us on site to show us his operation and how he is planning to meet our treatment objectives.

2. Cultural resources within the project area - presentation (Zane Fulbright)

Please see the Historic Resources Information link (or folder) for presentation information. In addition, Zane recommends three books for vicinity information:

- Seven Visions of Bull Lodge (as told by granddaughter Garter Snake)
- Guarding the Carroll Trail
- Chief Joseph's People

These books are likely available at the Lewistown Museum.

3. Project monitoring and public participation (Jennifer)

Please see the Monitoring link (or folder) for presentation information.

In addition, the Montana NRCS website has forestry planning handbooks, forms and other useful information at: <http://www.mt.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/ecs/forestry/>

Group discussed cost-share agreements through Fergus Conservation District (funded via federal agencies from National Fire Plan) to do treatments on private property. Karly answered questions and will research Bin Item #3 (see below).

4. What's next? (Bruce and Jennifer)

a. Next meeting date

Early to mid April. Look at having another indoor meeting with another presentation. Following meeting would be at a project area.

b. Topics

No group discussion. BLM folks thought the wildlife biologist could do a presentation.

c. Bin items

Established when we have a lack of information or irresolvable discussions. The first two of our bin items were from a previous meeting, and the third bin item is from this meeting.

5. Suggestions or concerns from anyone at this point on anything? (Bruce and Jennifer)

No discussion.